

FS Donald Kenneth Clark R/207938 RCAF

Donald was born on 26 March 1923 in Mount Maple, Brownsburg, Quebec, Canada, the son of George Andrew Clark and Jessie Wright Clark nee MacKenzie.

Educated at Chatham Consolidated School, Brownsburg, Donald was employed as a farmer on his brother's farm when, in January 1943, he applied for aircrew service in the RCAF.

Called up in February 1943, Donald completed his training in Canada in February 1944 with the award of his WOp/AG badge.

Following advanced training at 111 (Coastal) OTU, Windsor Field, Nassau, Bahamas for conversion to the Consolidated B-24 Liberator, in August 1944 Donald embarked for the UK and was posted to 223 Sqn when it reformed at RAF Oulton, Norfolk.



On 14/15 January 1945 ten 223 Sqn Liberators were tasked with "Jostle" and "Window" sorties. Donald's crew was tasked with a "Jostle" op (airborne radio jamming), in support of a Bomber Command force of 151 aircraft flying an op to attack the marshalling yards at Grevenbroich, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

At 16:06 on 14 January Donald, operating as the Right Waist Gunner, and the crew departed RAF Oulton in Liberator IV TT336 (6G-R).

At 20:09 Donald's aircraft was intercepted by Hptm Gerhard Raht of Stab I./NJG2 flying a Ju-88 from Twente Airfield. The aircraft broke up mid air and crashed at Genelaar, Meerhout, twelve miles south of Antwerp, killing nine of the eleven-man crew. The Pilot and one the left Waist Gunner survived.

Also killed: F/L George Trail (AG); FO Frank Arthur Mason (AG); FO Geoffrey Robert Palmer RAAF (Nav); WO John George Galley DFM (WOp/AG); WO Robert Edward Ralph (WOp/AG); FS William Alexander Gray RCAF (WOp/AG); Sgt Arthur Leslie Evens RCAF (Pilot); Sgt Robert Hartop (FE)

Donald is buried in Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Limburg, Belgium

Donald is commemorated on Wall Panel 144

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